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USC Connect faces Web hurdles

Enhancement project promises online features, still needs development

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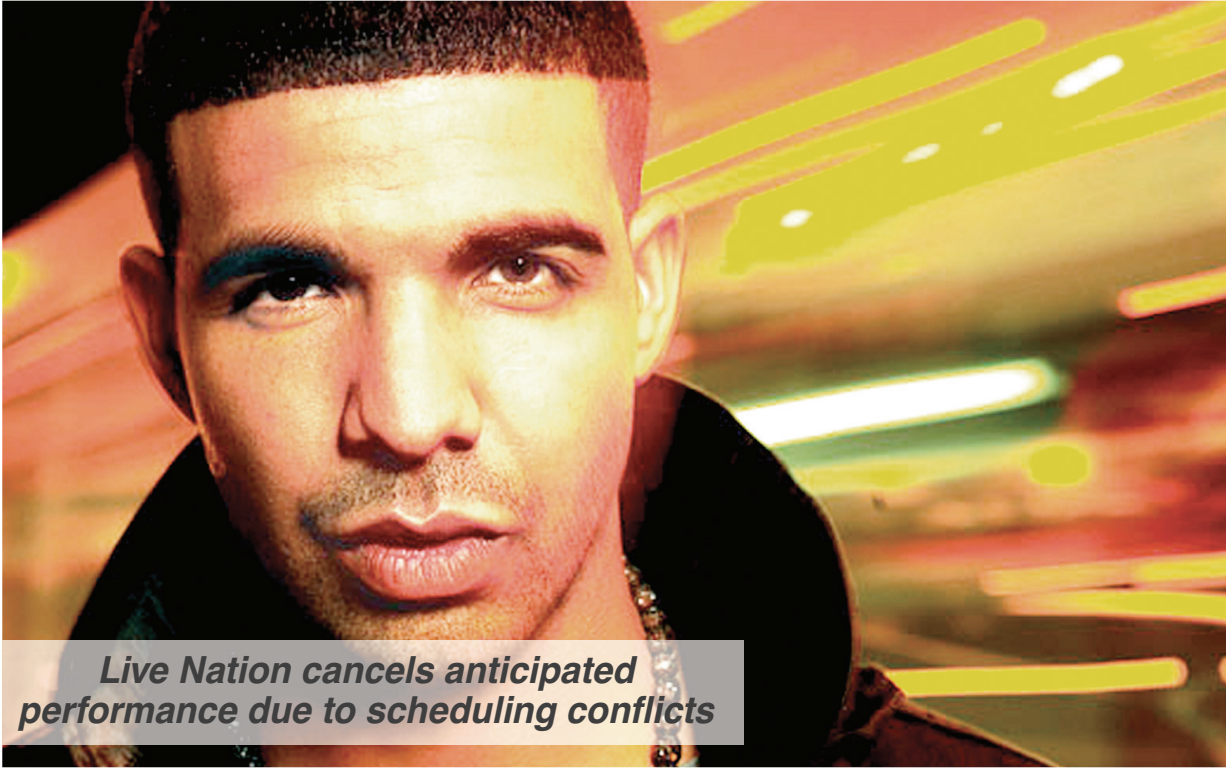
USC Connect's snazzy technology is coming to campus, but no one is sure exactly when. The institutionwide systems, including the much-emphasized calendar updates, will be phased in over the "next few years" as the university moves toward the streamlined OneCarolina network. In the meantime, USC Connect will be working on improving and adding to its website and moving onto social media this semester, according

to Executive Director Irma Van Scoy. Van Scoy outlined plans for new committees and technologies, focusing on web technology in a presentation to a small audience of USC administrators and faculty Thursday. The highly promoted project is intended to satisfy quality enhancement requirements for reaccreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, but the timing will depend on how quickly Connect can carry out its plans for a comprehensive new website. "Things like the publish-and-subscribe technology and the universitywide calendaring ... are going to take time to develop,"

she explained. USC Connect's involvement with that process appears to be in its infant stages, however, as the group was assigned a University Technology Services coordinator only two weeks ago. A number of the project's current undertakings are dependent on the implementation of new technology, because the initiative will live mostly on the Internet, Van Scoy said. "We're going to develop the USC Connect website so that it can be a central place where students can go and find links to other places that can connect them with beyond-the-classroom experiences," Van

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DRAKE CALLS OFF COLUMBIA CONCERT



Live Nation cancels anticipated performance due to scheduling conflicts

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Drake's highly anticipated Nov. 19 concert at the Colonial Life Arena was canceled Thursday afternoon by promoter Live Nation due to scheduling issues. Tickets can be refunded at the point of purchase starting today at noon, according to a press release from the arena. Students, faculty and staff who bought discounted tickets with a CarolinaCard also need to return them to the box office for a credit on their CarolinaCard account. Both the tickets and CarolinaCard must be presented for a refund. Tickets purchased via phone, Internet or at the box office by credit card will automatically be refunded, according to the release. Arena officials declined to comment, citing a Live Nation request that all comments be routed through the promoter. Live Nation officials did not respond to requests for comment Thursday, aside from providing a press release of their own. Second-year sport and entertainment management student J. Paul Fischer said

he thought the show sounded "too good to be true," even though other large acts such as Taylor Swift and Usher have come to the arena. "It would have been cool," Fischer said. "A bunch of people would have gone to see him; I would have gone to see him. It just sucks he had to cancel." But Jen Inglis, a third-year advertising student, was indignant. "I don't think it's really fair that he told us he was going to come and canceled," Inglis said. She said since big acts don't frequently come to Columbia, the announcement of such a high-profile concert had gotten her hopes up, and she waited an hour in line outside the arena to get a ticket. "Now I feel like I wasted my time," she said. "And there were people before me that had to have been there since 8 (a.m.)." "I'm happy that they're giving us a refund, but I'm more disappointed that they canceled the concert."

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THINK PINK!

Second-year dance performance student Camille Sellers wants to get the word out: Wear pink today in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"I have a lot of family who have passed away from breast cancer as well as other blood relatives who have survived, so I personally wanted to reach out to other people and have them understand how big of an impact [cancer] has as well," Sellers said.

Sellers is teaming up with Student Media to turn Friday into Pink Day. Students are encouraged to wear as much pink as possible in honor of those who have lost their lives or are currently fighting a battle against cancer.

"I would love to see as many people to wear pink as possible," Sellers said. "It's almost like when you go to a gameday and see everyone wearing garnet and black — it's really awesome. Hopefully this year will be 10 times better."

Sellers urged students to go beyond simply donating a dollar at grocery stores by donating directly to organizations that fund breast cancer research. Students can visit the websites of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the National Breast Cancer Foundation and others to donate and learn more.

"A little goes a long way," Sellers said.
— Compiled by Ryan Quinn, News Editor

Education professor to lead service office

USC creates position to front community outreach efforts

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USC has launched a new office for community service and outreach in an effort to consolidate the university's efforts of bridging students and faculty with community organizations and the private sector. Leading the office is Les Sternberg, who retired from the College of Education in August. Sternberg will keep his previous \$208,000 annual salary in his new role, which Provost Michael Amiridis categorized as a "special project" that may or may not continue, depending on its success. "We decided to organize such community service activities better by creating in essence a portal for the engagement of USC faculty and students in the community," Amiridis said. The new office currently has no formal budget or other employees, but Sternberg said his long-term goal is to expand the office with more staff. Its current location, a small annex behind the Osborne Administration Building, barely holds enough space for one. The new office hopes to coordinate colleges and departments with community groups looking for assistance while documenting the impact on both the university and community level. Sternberg said the office would provide "a central starting point" for those in the community who request university help. Sternberg will also try to begin a "South Carolina orientation" for new employees to teach them about the state's politics, geography, food and culture. Much of the center's progress will not begin



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South Carolina begins a crucial four game road trip with a matchup against MSU in Starkville Saturday.
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Buckets have been placed on the Russell House stairwell by Greene Street to catch this week's rainwater dripping from the student union's 34-year-old skylight windows from above.

Leaks dampen Russell House

Union director says old building design causes damage

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Russell House is looking leaky. Buckets on the stairwell by Greene Street have collected dripping rainwater from the skylights above them for most of the week. The leaks are nothing new, said Kim McMahon, director of the Russell House. “The skylights have leaked for many years,” McMahon said. “When we have heavy and consistent rain, it leaks inside.” McMahon said the angle of the skylight makes it difficult for repair workers to access from the outside, and since the stairwell lies directly beneath it, workers have struggled to find a means to seal the windows from the inside as well. The skylights are on USC’s Capital Renewal Plan to be replaced “in the next year or so,” according to Thomas Quasney, associate vice president for Facilities. Quasney said in an email response that the original construction of Russell House is to blame. “The windows were poorly designed and water pools at the bottom,” Quasney said. “The freeze-thaw cycle each year and the sunlight beating on them causes the sealants to deteriorate rapidly.” McMahon said she wishes

there was a better short-term solution than setting out buckets, but safety is her priority. “The buckets are unsightly,” McMahon said. “But they’re better than a wet floor someone could slip on.” She said the skylights are at least 34 years old, possibly older, and that the leaks are just another indicator of the age of the building. “The permanent fix is a new building,” she said. To make matters worse, McMahon said, a leak in the Russell House’s foundation also causes occasional leakage from below, which leads to puddles forming on some of the stairwell’s underground platforms. “The Russell House staff have tried to collaborate with our partners in Facilities with unsuccessful outcomes,” McMahon said. “The preventative maintenance plan ends up being deferred maintenance, until you’re desperate.” Quasney said the master plan does identify a need for more student services space, but that the Russell House is fine as it is. “The current building is the same as when I was a student 34 years ago, and the student population has increased significantly,” Quasney said. “However, the facility is in good shape overall.”

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Health study seeks cause of weight gain

Coca-Cola funds effort to pinpoint ‘energy imbalance’

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Gaining weight may be associated with eating too much or not exercising enough at first glance, but the Arnold School of Public Health is conducting a hefty study to determine if other factors, such as metabolism, could also be to blame. The Energy Balance Study is tracking 200 people over a 13-month period in order to conclude what factors change weight. “What you always hear in the media is that you’re either eating too much or exercising too little,” said Greg Hand, associate dean for research and practice in exercise science. “But the reality is we don’t really know what the relationship is between those two things that try to maintain balance between

energy that you take in and energy expended.” He said body fat alone isn’t always the culprit behind chronic diseases, such as diabetes or hypertension. “We’ve been interested in metabolism and body weight for a long time. Energy imbalance can lead to all kinds of diseases that people are getting now,” Hand said. “Body fat is not necessarily the factor that leads to those problems, but certainly metabolic disorders related to energy imbalance affect that.” Some participants have already gone through dietary assessment training and baseline testing during the first month, which was June. During this stage researchers measured subjects’ body fat, resting metabolic rate, blood pressure and blood chemistry. Later, activity monitors will check physical activity levels, and random phone surveys will call participants to track their diets,

said Robin Shook, an exercise science doctoral student working on the study. Participants will go through quarterly follow-up checks during the next 12 months. Hand said many of the factors being measured are associated with seasons and can change over time. “We get all four seasons at the end of the study,” he said. “They’re going to be able to see how all these factors change in their life over the period of the year.” The research is funded by a \$2.5 million grant from Coca-Cola, which covers equipment, personnel and incentives for participants. The research staff consists of 24 people divided into three teams. Shook heads the recruitment retention team, Hand manages the measurement team and health sciences professor James Hebert leads data management. Participants can earn up to \$500 in cash, but that’s not the



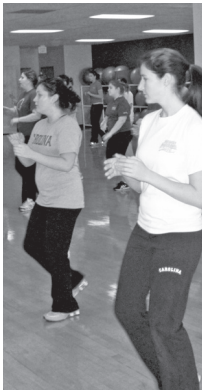

important thing, Hand said. “Five hundred dollars is great but most people enjoy the information we give them,” Shook said. At the end of the study, the school will give participants information on their body fat, calories, fitness level and sleep cycles. So far, most people in the study are 27 or younger, and Hand said they are trying to recruit more older people in order to make the spread even — and to reach 400 subjects in total. “Four hundred is a relatively large population,” he said. “Most studies have 50 for a good size study. These studies require a lot of people.” The public health school will be recruiting more people until May 2012.

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until Sternberg conducts an “environmental scan” — or an inventory of exact university community service needs. “I do not want to mess up what we’re currently doing, because we’re doing a lot of really good things,” Sternberg said. “The goal is to facilitate more and identify and eliminate certain barriers departments might face.” Sternberg said there is a growing push for community service in higher education, and research universities should be lending their expertise to businesses, industries and families. “This is a huge opportunity and a huge challenge,” Sternberg said. “I hope in a year we’ll see that we’ve made significant progress.”

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Walk to lead survivors ‘out of darkness’



Students, staff to participate in suicide prevention efforts

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The 10th leading cause of death in the U.S. is a preventable one, but that doesn't make it any less easy to deal with.

Organizers of Sunday's Out of the Darkness walk hope their efforts will raise awareness of the serious nature of suicide, help remember those who have taken their own lives and give hope to those struggling with suicidal thoughts.

The 5K walk, hosted by the South Carolina chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), is expected to bring hundreds of Columbia residents to the Columbia Riverfront Park.

"We are walking to raise funds for suicide prevention, to address a stigma that gets in the way of people asking for help and in remembrance of loved ones who have lost their lives," said Helen Pridgen, the South Carolina area director for AFSP.

A closing ceremony following the walk will be geared toward survivors and those who have lost loved ones. There will be a candle lighting in memory of those lost as "a part of survivors taking healing steps," Pridgen said.

Suicide is third leading cause of death among college-age Americans. Pridgen hopes that college students in the community will feel compelled to become involved in preventing suicide.

"We want students to know these conditions [associated with suicide] are treatable, [and they can] ask for help," Pridgen said. "Suicide is preventable."

Jennifer Myers, coordinator of Suicide Services at USC, is the leader of the USC Counseling and Human Development Center team.

Myers said she and her team

are joining the walk to support people in the community who have battled with suicidal thoughts or attempts and for those who have lost family or friends to suicide. She encourages students to be aware of signs of depression and suicide talk and to engage in "help-seeking behaviors."

"I would encourage students not to ignore signs of suicide or suicide talk, and to reach out for help," Myers said.

At least four teams from USC will participate in Sunday's event, including teams sponsored by the College of Social Work and the counseling center.

"Traditionally, we've had quite a number of college students come to the walk," Pridgen said.

There is no cost to register for Sunday's walk, but participating teams are encouraged to raise funds, which will go toward the AFSP's mission of researching and promoting programs for suicide prevention on both national and local levels. In the past, both USC and Clemson have received research grants from the AFSP, Pridgen said.

The AFSP is the nation's largest nonprofit supporter of research for suicide prevention. Since 2004, its chapters have organized more than 230 Out of the Darkness walks around the country to raise funds and awareness for suicide prevention. The South Carolina chapter of the AFSP was chartered in October 2008. It has already hosted one Out of the Darkness walk this fall in Spartanburg and will host walks in Myrtle Beach, Bluffton/Hilton Head and Charleston, in addition to Sunday's event in Columbia. Last year, the South Carolina chapter raised about \$75,000 through walks, and this year it hopes to reach its goal of \$100,000, according to Pridgen.

Interested students can preregister for the walk online at www.outofthedarkness.org or



Photos courtesy of Helen Pridgen


The Out of the Darkness 5K walk, hosted by the South Carolina chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, will be held Sunday at the Columbia Riverfront Park.

register on site Sunday beginning at 1 p.m. The walk begins at 2 p.m. Students can also donate through the "Text to Donate" campaign by

texting "AFSP Columbia" to 85944 now through Dec. 31.

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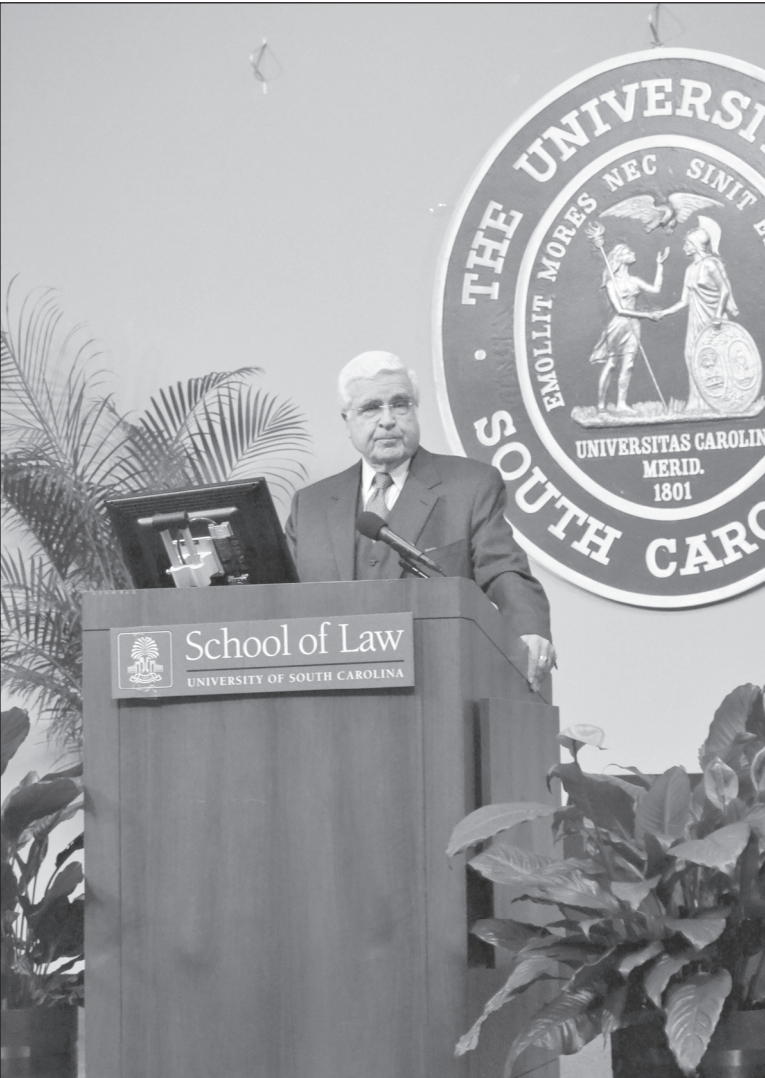
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Law review questions system fairness



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New York University professor Arthur Miller gave a keynote address at the South Carolina Law Review's annual symposium Thursday.

Guest expert says courts give advantage to big corporations

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Although all Americans have the right to file suit against a wrongdoer, the chances of a case between an Average Joe and a corporation actually going to trial has diminished significantly in the past 20 years, or such was the premise discussed at USC Law Review's annual symposium.

"Civil justice is no longer available," Arthur Miller, a Harvard Law graduate with more than 50 years of experience, stated in a keynote address Thursday night at the School of Law. "I no longer know why we have courts."

Miller opened South Carolina's "The Implications of McIntyre and Goodyear Dunlop Tires" Law Review symposium with an in-depth and passionate speech on civil procedure.

"Arthur Miller is the

biggest civil procedure expert in the country, and to make an argument that is about justice and the public's access to courts was great," Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs Danielle Holley-Walker said.

Law has turned into a business in the past 50 years, Miller said, adding that it no longer has the best interest of the American public at heart.

Miller attributed this recent shift to the constant struggles between the public and American corporations, which he said have changed the way the legal system processes civil suits.

The symposium reviewed the controversial cases of J. McIntyre Machinery v. Nicastro, and Goodyear Dunlop Tires Operations v. Brown, both of which raise the question of whether personal jurisdiction or the authority of a court has more power to decide a case.

Civil procedures are the rules that govern how to litigate — or contest in a lawsuit — in federal court.

Miller posited that many civil suits are frequently dismissed by a judge, settled

or abandoned early due to "stop signs" that are thrown up by legal policy.

Before a civil case can go to trial, he said, the plaintiff's plea "has to show," which means that he or she must prove his or her ability to win the case.

If that cannot be done, the case is dismissed and the defendant potentially saves thousands of dollars.

"What is our civil rights value?" Miller questioned. "It's never been measured other than from some defense costs."

The symposium will continue with five panels today examining the civil implications of the McIntyre and Goodyear Dunlop Tires cases.

"I thought the way he explained the cases and went through them was masterful," second-year law student Michael Sanchez said. "I agree that many stop signs have been raised to keep regular people from taking corporations to trial."

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Dialogue voices disability concerns

Student group aims to promote understanding

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In honor of Disability Awareness Month, EMPOWER held a student-led dialogue in hopes of teaching others how to treat students with disabilities. The campus organization's mission is to educate students and faculty on social issues and seek social justification. During Thursday's dialogue, students found out that disability is a matter of perception. Anyone can have a disability, and no one may know.

True or false questions led into a discussion on to how to treat those with disabilities in social environments.

Diversity peer educator and fourth-year biology student Jalavender Clowney said students are not expected to know how to treat those with disabilities, but when approaching them, there are many factors to keep in mind. One should avoid asking personal questions about someone's disability when first meeting him or her before a personal relationship is established, Clowney said.

Fourth-year English student David Adelman said he thinks many students take day-to-day abilities for granted and can afford to be a little more courteous.

"Let students with wheelchairs go first on the elevator," Adelman said. "I know it's a congested environment, but if we could, just think a little more."

Clowney added to also keep in mind that not all deaf people read



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EMPOWER held a student-led discussion at Patterson Hall Thursday evening on social awareness and how to interact with disabled students on campus. Respect for all students was emphasized throughout the organization's dialogue.

lips, and that when speaking to a deaf person, it is important to make eye contact. Writing down what one has to say can also help a deaf person feel at ease in conversation.

Adelman expressed disabled students' collective wish to be treated equally, without the associated assumption that they are unapproachable.

"Just because someone is in a wheelchair does not mean

something is wrong with their brain," Adelman said. "I have a brain, and there's nothing wrong with it. If you want to talk to me, direct the question to me."

The audience spoke out on the terms "retarded" and "special" during the dialogue, common labels used by students without disabilities.

"People with disabilities would like to be just people," Clowney said.

Students have the opportunity to educate themselves about disabilities and society through EMPOWER's social events and dialogues. Clowney hopes to continue to educated students and everyday issues.

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Scoy said.

The fledgling five-year project, established earlier this year, seeks to integrate traditional in-class coursework with extracurricular opportunities.

The plans include a revamped "publish and subscribe" calendar system that will allow users to

subscribe to events in their field of interest, a system to track students and their experiences and the use of social networks to communicate more with them. Course listings will also include tags marking classes that incorporate activities outside of the classroom.

To support the project, USC Connect opened an office in August in the bottom of the Thomas Cooper Library and hired an administrative coordinator last month. In a related effort, the Center for Teaching Excellence hired Jeremy Lane, a professor of music education, as a part-time associate director for integrative learning this summer.

Van Scoy and her office are also undergoing a

process of inventorying the university's internship, leadership, research and other "engagement" opportunities, a task she described during the forum as "quite challenging because we are doing so many things," referring to the number of such opportunities available at USC.

The office is also in the process of establishing an oversight council and a set of five subcommittees governing technology, engagements, first-year experiences, professional development and student assessment, which will all include groups of faculty, staff and students.

Speakers at the forum also noted that the creation of USC Connect correlates with ongoing updates to the university's general education requirements, dubbed the Carolina Core.

Helen Doerpinghaus, vice provost and dean of undergraduate studies, expressed her hope that students would find more value and relevance within these courses with the benefit of the initiative.

"USC Connect should make education more relevant," Doerpinghaus said, "especially those first two years when people are trying to 'get things out of the way' or trying to 'check courses off a list.'"

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Think Pink: Support awareness initiatives

Today, we at The Daily Gamecock want you to forget about your usual wardrobe of soft-toned polos, band shirts and the ever-loyal garnet-and-black Gamecock wear. Push all of that aside, dig into your closet and keep one thing in mind: Think pink.

“What this month really demands of each of us is action, not just passive support.”

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we want to “pink out” the USC campus. Students should find their best pink wear and put it on to support those who have conquered this disease or those who are still fighting it. Mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts — we would not be here if not for the women in our lives, and every effort needed to stop this cancer should be made.

While we want this day to center around breast cancer, October is a month that truly focuses on all that women still face in our country. Domestic abuse and pregnancy loss awareness are both issues observed this month, and both cause nearly insurmountable difficulties for women today.

Your pink apparel will represent your support of efforts to compete this disease and to promote women’s health. But we don’t want to stop there. It is easy to wear a shirt of a certain color, or jokingly stick a “Save the Ta-Tas” bumper sticker to your car. What this month really demands from each of us is action, not just passive support. Donate to the cause, or volunteer at an event. Better yet, find out ways you could help out at local hospitals or recovery clinics. It does not take a medical professional to heal someone. An understanding word or a reassuring smile can do just much — and sometimes more.

It’s crucial to remember, especially with all the awareness events going on, that behind the shirts and ribbons and slogans, there are very real women who are suffering through a very real affliction. Keep them in mind as you put on your pink wear, and look for ways to make your awareness an active service to those who need it.



Declining US can still recover

Current challenges will worsen without action

Whether you blame globalization, the media, or just “the kids these days,” there’s no denying the blow the United States has taken to its once unquestionable dominance. With other world powers on the rise and no answer to our growing economic woes, the U.S. looks trapped in a tailspin, leaving many to ask, “How did we get here?” As famed New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman says in his latest book “That Used to Be Us: How America Fell Behind in the World It Invented and How We Can Come



Ryan Celley
Third-year business student

Back,” there are a few overarching themes in America’s decline since the Cold War. A couple of these are inevitable and unchangeable phenomena such as globalization and its spread through extremely advanced information technology systems; however, there are a few reversible occurrences that at least deserve some consideration.

The first is a widespread switch from a “saver’s mindset” to a “consumer’s mindset.” The idea of living in the present has become a commendable trait in the past few decades (anyone can recall at least one pop song lyric regarding “living for tonight”). But this laid-back attitude now might cost us a secure and stable future. Want a house you would normally have to save up for? Take out a subprime mortgage. Why will they give it to you? Because they need the cash for this quarter’s bottom line.

Hold on — this causes the banks to go under? Bail them out without conditions to prevent this from happening again. Meanwhile, Social Security’s expiration date creeps closer and closer (the current year is 2036, just 25 years from now) and has barely garnered more than a few “oh, by the way” comments from Congress. This issue has been put on the back burner even though experts have been sounding alarms since the mid-1990s. Simply put: It’s not affecting us yet.

There are traces of this problem in the second thing we can change: the priority of knowledge. During the famed Space Age, the U.S. pumped up funding for R&D in science and engineering, but the percentage of funding per gross domestic product has continued to decline ever since. Now, instead of investing in developments, more and more people are rallying around tax cuts and shrinking the government to give them even less opportunity to fund our futures. This is most apparent in education funding.

Not only has the economic crisis shrunk education budgets, many have seen education become an option — rather than a requirement — in state budgets. There are currently five states in which more of the budget is allocated to prisons rather than higher education. In a day and age where our largest competitor’s population outnumbers us almost six to one, it’s going to be the quality of our workers and technology that will give us the edge.

Despite the current woes, all is not lost. If we can take these hardships and learn to start acting responsibly because of them, we can once again be the epitome of the modern world.

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Reactions to Garcia’s dismissal

Realistically speaking, I doubt the kid drinks or does anything any more than any other college student. I was never a huge fan of him as a QB, but hopefully he will find a new path and make the most of it in the near future. If anything, I appreciate the University finally setting an example of someone and following through with the punishment they had threatened all along. Hopefully, this incident will make our football program a better one in the near future and our student athletes more conscious of their responsibility to represent the University in a positive light.

— Elle Black

Coach (Steve) Spurrier gave Stephen every chance he could have possibly given him — one of the chances (Auburn game) should have ended in the 2nd quarter!

— Marty Abercrombie

Coach Spurrier used Garcia! He has done the same thing when at Florida! Garcia needed help his freshman year, but Spurrier was too busy worrying about his career! Shameful!

— hardy

Many coaches use kids up. When they are done with them, they toss them away. It is ironic that Garcia was dismissed from the team only when he was no longer needed.

— Been there

@thegamecock seriously? Why wouldn’t they take his scholarship? He broke his contract.

— @meganweeks

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Tarnished election history plagues state Democrats

Right, left wings share blame for shameful partisan politics

The recent lecture given by South Carolina Democratic Party Chairman Dick Harpootlian did not express the values promoted by Student Government. While engaging, it did not promote a better understanding of leadership or hope that reflects the mission of SG. While I must appreciate the candid nature and otherwise enthused swagger exercised by Harpootlian’s presentation, his message conveyed a sense of cynicism rather than hope. His lecture did raise many valid points, I must also question the basis from which he drew some of his claims.

For instance, South Carolina’s legislature has shown a history of ethical violations, a point he dwelled on quite frequently. What he failed to mention is that

many of those violations involved members of his own party. In fact, while he alleged the machine nature of Republican dominance today, one must ask if the Democratic Party in South Carolina has been so innocent and devoid of scandal.



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The answer: an obvious no.

One must remember what solidified the Democratic base in this state — Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton and the “Red Shirts” of the 1876 election. These Red Shirts organized midnight rides to promote Hampton’s candidacy. For 80 years, the party ruled as a machine, dominating politics into the new millennium until Sen. Fritz Hollings left to retire. While he served our state honorably, it was also during this time that South Carolina was under

investigation by the Department of Justice through the Abscam and the Operation Lost Trust investigations.

Those stings led to convictions of many players in South Carolina politics, but most significantly was the conviction of Democratic Rep. John Jenrette, the highest ranking South Carolinian to be indicted in our history. These investigations charged many Democrats. In turn, 28 members of our legislative community faced federal charges. The majority were Democrats, which in turn was a major catalyst for the surge of Republican legislative membership throughout the mid-1990s.

While I don’t doubt Harpootlian’s leadership, a cornerstone of leadership is to instill hope for progress. After leaving the lecture, my hopes were not bolstered, and in fact I gained a better understanding of the adversarial nature of South Carolina politics. We need leaders to understand the value of cooperation.

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Luke Bryan to play outdoor concert at Tin Roof

CMT on Tour makes stop at local bar this weekend

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On-the-rise country star Luke Bryan — known best for his upbeat, down-home hit “Rain Is a Good Thing” and slower, love track “Someone Else Calling You Baby” — will be performing an outdoor show at Tin Roof in Columbia Saturday as a part of CMT on Tour. The 3,500-capacity show is sold out, and will mark the Columbia Tin Roof’s first large-scale outdoor show. The event will take place in the two Tin Roof parking lots on Senate Street, with the upper parking lot, which is closer to the building, housing drinks, food and tour merchandise, and the lower lot acting as the concert’s floor area.

The country super-show is a part of the 10th-annual CMT on Tour event, which makes stops in 22 cities and, this year, is part of a promotion for Bryan’s latest album “Tailgates & Tanlines.”

Doors open at 6 p.m., and Josh Thompson and Lee Brice, both fellow country songsters, will open for Bryan. Thompson will start his set a little before 7 p.m., and Brice will take the stage around 7:45 p.m. Each of the opening acts will play 40-minute sets, and Bryan will begin a 90-minute performance around 8:30 p.m., according to EJ Bernas, Tin Roof’s vice president of music and entertainment.

Columbia’s noise ordinance is 10 p.m., so the outdoor show will end by then, but Tin Roof will, of course, have music, drinks and its dinner menu available in-house after the event.

The CMT on Tour’s 3,500 tickets sold out quickly, and Bernas said that in the future, he hopes to be able to open the event up to as many people as possible.

“This is the first one, and we’ll have a better gauge of how many people we can fit in after Saturday,” Bernas said.

The tour’s stage, which is 75 feet wide and 45 feet deep, also played into the capacity, measuring up to three times the size of the stage used at Tin Roof Nashville’s outdoor shows.

Tin Roof’s parking lots, however, are in a more open area of the Vista, opening up the possibility for citygoers to catch the show from outside the actual venue.

“We’re not really sure how the city is going to handle the traffic and people standing outside the area,” Bernas said. “But obviously, one of the best places to watch the show is going to be in one of the rooms at the Hilton.”

Bernas said Tin Roof will not be enforcing any kind of traffic or attendance restrictions outside the parking lots’ gates.

This show is the first of many outdoor concerts for Tin Roof, said Bernas, bringing in the USC crowd with bigger names and an alternative venue.

“Luke’s a fan of the Tin Roof,” Bernas said. “We have the capability at this Tin Roof with the enclosed parking lot to do some really cool things.”

Tin Roof Columbia has also reached out to Mumford & Sons and Bruno Mars for potential future shows, said Bernas and in the case of Mumford, it’s about “finding the right time.”

“We’re reaching out and now officially being taken seriously,” Bernas said.

Doors for the sold-out country blowout open at 6 p.m. Saturday in the parking lots at 1022 Senate St., next to Tin Roof.



Courtesy of CMT.com
Country singer Luke Bryan will play a sold-out show at Tin Roof on Saturday with Josh Thompson and Lee Brice.



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Hip-Wa-Zee sells, rents Halloween garb

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Halloween is right around the corner, and unless you want to wear a sheet over your head for the third year in a row, it’s time to start piecing together the perfect costume. And luckily for you, items to transform you into Dorothy from “The Wizard of Oz,” Rizzo from “Grease,” Capt. Jack Sparrow from “Pirates of the Caribbean” or Jason from “Halloween” can all be found at the same location.

Hip-Wa-Zee, Five Points’ only costume rental shop, is a great place for girls and guys to begin any costume

search.

The store, which has been open for about 12 years, offers costumes for rent and for sale year-round, also carries vintage clothing, shoes, wigs, masks and accessories.

Hip-Wa-Zee’s charm is obvious even outside the door. On one window, the costume shop has posters advertising local theater productions and concerts, and the other side of the shop gives customers a taste of what’s inside with its festive display window.

Inside, an upper shelf is lined with vintage wig heads sporting styles ranging from 1970s Afros and blonde bombshell hairdos reminiscent of Marilyn Monroe to Snooki poufs and long blue Katy Perry-esque tresses. If wigs aren’t your thing, Hip-Wa-Zee carries temporary spray-on hair color

for instant transformations.

Mix-and-match accessories, including tulle skirts, suspenders, fun hats, bold patterned tights and big, colorful sunglasses, may spark creativity and inspire original costumes. Hip-Wa-Zee caters to nearly every costume accessory need, whether you are in search of a fake handlebar mustache, a hot pink bow tie, an obnoxiously large gold chain, vampire fangs or sparkly Michael Jackson socks.

Accessories are the most affordable items on sale at Hip-Wa-Zee, with tights starting at \$3.99 per pair. If you’re trying to stick to a budget this Halloween, start by first digging through your wardrobe at home and then piling on new accessories.

Hip-Wa-Zee sells a wide variety of vintage clothing from the 1930s

through the 1990s. Items range from gently worn Levi’s jeans and stylish patterned shirt-dresses to over-the-top sequined gowns and sparkly, pleated dresses. Some of these items could be incorporated into a daily wear wardrobe (especially for self-identified hipsters), but others are so comically ridiculous they could only be worn as costumes.

The store sells manufactured costume sets as well as separate items. The front part of the store houses the costumes for sale and the back room holds rental costumes. Costumes for sale range in price from around \$20 to \$60. Rental pricing starts at \$10 for separate items and goes up to \$60 or \$70 for a full ensemble. Customers can rent costumes for up to two days. In addition to a rental fee, customers also pay a security deposit on rental items, which covers full replacement. Security deposit costs vary for each costume.

Hip-Wa-Zee employee Sarah Dake said popular costumes this year include Disney princesses, pirates and military uniforms. Employees will be dressing up during store hours during the last two weeks of October, so they can provide a source of inspiration for customers as well.

Hip-Wa-Zee is located at 940 Harden St. The store is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. During the month of October, it will also be open from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

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The Mix's breakdown of everything you need to know about this week in arts and entertainment

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Drake cancels tour, pushes back album release
Last name Tour, first name Canceled. Like a sprained ankle, Drake currently has no mobility.



Big Boi takes plea deal, avoids prison on felony drug charges
Fingers crossed that he announces an anti-drug campaign in Atlanta schools called "So Fresh 'n' So Clean" as a part of his community service.

Netflix cans the Qwikster idea, keeps streaming and DVDs together
All right! This is almost enough to make people forget about the rate increases! Wait ... it isn't.



Whitney Houston refuses to wear seat belt on plane, makes scene
It reminded her too much of being strapped in at the insane asy- ... rehab. It reminded her too much of rehab.

Actor who played Crabbe in "Harry Potter" arrested for homemade explosive
Oh yeah, that dude is definitely Slytherin material.



Ted Koppel to join NBC anchor Brian Williams' new show "Rock Center"
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St. Vincent wows on third album

Indie singer brings heartbreak, dark themes to life on 'Strange Mercy'

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St. Vincent can do no wrong. Is there anything she puts out that isn't covertly brilliant? In a word: no. Whether she's meticulously crafting a beautiful studio album or providing guest vocals for artists such as Kid Cudi, St. Vincent is always pushing the envelope and further establishing herself as a major player in the indie music scene.

With "Strange Mercy," her third LP since 2007, St. Vincent, whose real name is Annie Clark, provides an intimate listening experience, with darker lyrics than her past albums and sparse, gentle instrumentation peppered throughout. These elements create a solid and likable collection of songs that you may catch yourself humming throughout the day.

Some albums suffer from front-loading — in that the better songs are placed near the beginning of the record — and "Strange Mercy" is done in a similar way, in that the first five songs have more kick and loud, distorted guitars, while the remainder of the album's songs are far quieter and more withdrawn. This dynamic brings the album to life as each song has a distinct personality.

St. Vincent kicks things off with "Chloe in the Afternoon," a lyrically vague song dealing with heartbreak mixed with a huge drum beat and sloppy guitars. She lets her composed vocals soar on the chorus, and the song conveys its message well — things are most definitely not OK. The next few songs set the theme for the rest of the album — bad relationships and the regret that comes coupled with them. When she croons "I've played dumb / When I knew better / Tried too hard / Just to be clever / I know honest thieves / I call family," it quickly becomes evident she is hurt in a primal way and wants to seek some sort of redemption. This concept is especially relatable as it evokes a very human side in her writing.

The real gems of the first section of the album are by far "Northern Lights" and "Surgeon." With the former, St. Vincent shows off her punk side and injects the song with enough riot grrrl spunk that would make even Courtney Love proud. The guitar lines are slick and rubbery, providing some of the best riffs found on the album. "Surgeon" is the lead single off the album and for good reason. The song uses a queasy, seasick feeling to channel the tumultuousness of a rocky relationship. At the same time, it is extremely catchy, possessing both a reoccurring, fleet-fingered guitar lick as well as a funky synth solo toward the end that can only be described in two words: pure swag.

Right after "Surgeon" is the title track, "Strange Mercy," which marks the beginning of the second part of the album. Things slow down considerably, and disdain begins to tinge almost every line of the lyrics. If the first few songs were the breakup, this song begins the recovery. Light, strummy guitar chords mix with an unwavering drum beat to give a detached feel — St. Vincent is learning to get over her past love.

The album continues in a similar manner, and the lyrics become more and more spiritual, showing a metaphorical strengthening and healing. "Champagne Year" evokes the vocal line from Jeff Buckley's version of "Hallelujah," and with St. Vincent's powerful yet airy voice, the sound absolutely glows in an immaculate light. Album closer "Year of the Tiger" is another notable track simply because of its rock 'n' roll minimalism. Set against light horns, unassuming drums and transparent chords, it does the album justice and ends it with a sense of hope and renewal.

St. Vincent has done it again. "Strange Mercy" is yet another critically acclaimed work she can proudly add to her discography. Despite exploring some dark themes, the album comes off as ethereal and delicate, which is hard to come by in music these days. At this rate, she may very well go down as one of the best songwriters of our generation.

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Band brings angst to new release

Mayday Parade puts personal lives into lyrics

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If you've ever been to a stop on the Vans Warped Tour or flipped through the pages of Alternative Press magazine, it's likely you've heard of Mayday Parade.

With two albums and two EPs already under its belt, the alternative band released its self-titled third album on Oct. 4.

Formed in 2006 in Tallahassee, Fla., the band consists of Derek Sanders on lead vocals, keyboard and acoustic guitar, Alex Garcia on lead guitar, Jeremy Lenzo on bass guitar and vocals, Jake Bundrick on drums and vocals and Brooks Betts on rhythm guitar.

The first track, "Oh Well, Oh Well," begins somewhat slowly with a melancholy tune but quickly transforms into a rowdy, explosive drum-and-guitar number with a kiss-off message, changing lyrics from "Oh well, oh well / I still hope for the best" to "Oh well, oh well / Guess I'll see you in Hell."

The album continues with this motto, transitioning from remorseful lyrics about lost loves to angst-ridden, self-empowering lyrics on songs like "Priceless" and "A Shot Across the Bow."

The album also serves as an honest look at the band's personal



problems. "Call Me Hopeless, but Not Romantic," "Everything's an Illusion" and "I'd Rather Make Mistakes Than Nothing at All" are all brutally autobiographical with lyrics showing the difficulties of feeling lonely, turning to alcohol for support and feeling lost in the world.

This being Mayday Parade's third album, the songs dig a little bit deeper into the personal lives of the band members, most notably Sanders. Previous albums have dealt with heavy topics such as losing a loved one to a terrible illness in "Terrible Things" on the band's "Valdosta" EP. It's refreshing to see a band that is able to continually talk about its members' personal lives and is able to offer its experience and advice to others going through bumpy patches in their lives.

Along with the autobiographical

songs and the kiss-off numbers, there are the typical songs about yearning for old flames. The rest of the songs on "Mayday Parade" — "No Heroes Allowed," "When You See My Friends," "You're Dead Wrong," "Stay," "Without the Bitter, the Sweet Isn't as Sweet" and "Happy Endings Are Stories That Haven't Ended Yet" — serve to fill these gaps.

The album is wonderfully penned, with striking lyrics and verses that seem to haunt those who listen to it, and it echoes the band's previous albums.

Mayday Parade is currently headlining The Noise Tour, which also features We Are the In Crowd and You Me at Six. The band will be playing in Atlanta, Ga. on Nov. 16 at the Masquerade.

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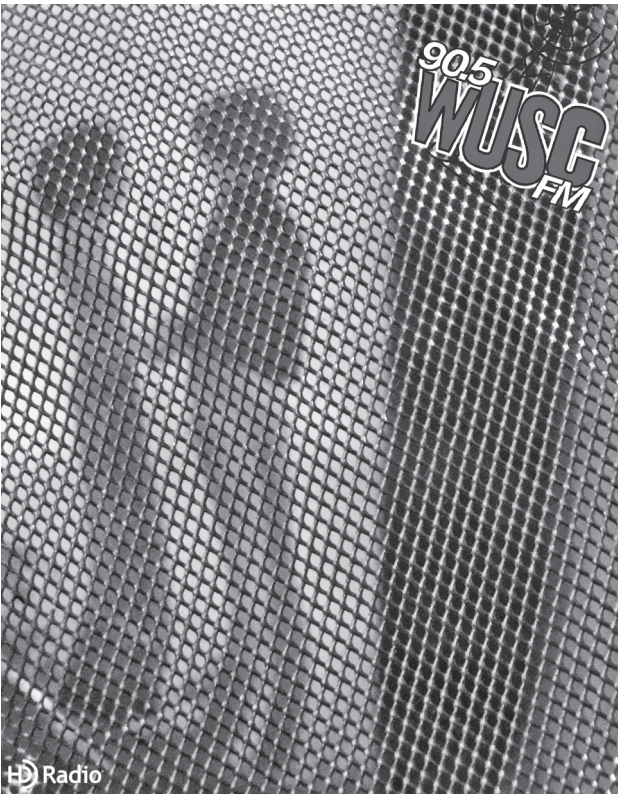
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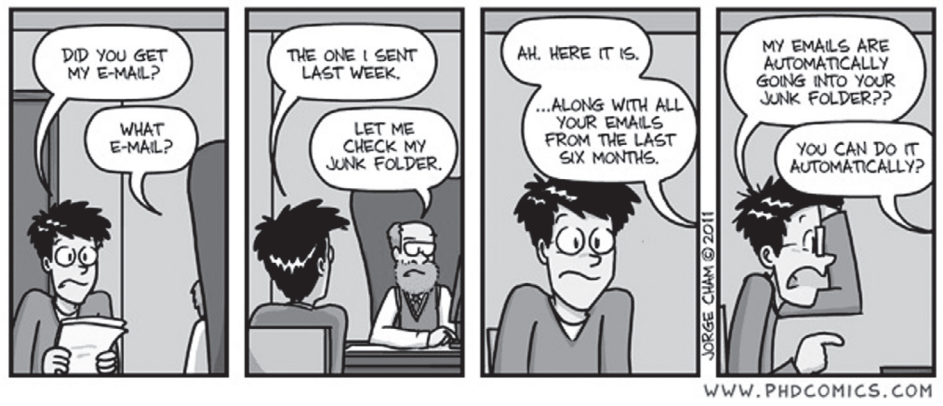
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Sagittarius

Distractions abound. You may need to regroup and redefine your goals. Don't give up. The difficult part is just about over. Keep your eye on the mark.

Taurus

Others find themselves attracted to your game. Take advantage of developing confidence to complete stagnant projects. There are new cards that can be played now.

Virgo

You're smarter than usual for the next three weeks. Prioritize your obligations for best performance. Today's not necessarily great for romance, so entertain your intellect.

Capricorn

Take it slow today for healthiest results. Someone nearby may have a virus. You avoid mistakes with a slower pace, too. Leave travel and risks for another day.

Gemini

Don't follow your usual train of thought, or you'll find the same old limitations. Ride a new train, slow or high-speed, to discover a new destination.

Libra

Avoid unnecessary arguments, even as you teach others to appreciate your perspective. Give yourself permission for some privacy. Access silence for real peace.

Cancer

Disruptions at home could cause havoc at work. Friends are there to support you with extra loving. Cuddle up and listen. Your view isn't the only one.

Scorpio

You're more industrious than before. There's an impulse to hurry, but there's no need for it. It's better to be methodical now and secure a job well done.

Pisces

You may feel very aware of limitations. Discipline and persistence wear them down. Smile and answer truthfully. Don't get intimidated, and it will soon pass. Your cool pays off.

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How to Play
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Solution for 10/13/11

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ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Three-game stretch away from Columbia could define season

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On Nov. 16, 1869, intercollegiate football was born in New Brunswick, N.J., when a team of 25 male students at Rutgers College hosted an equal number of counterparts from the nearby College of New Jersey in front of an estimated crowd of 100 spectators at 3 p.m. on a campus field.

The Rutgers team won the game 6-4, and understandably so. Since Rutgers was the host team, it established the rules the game was played under.

About a week later, Rutgers trekked roughly 20 miles to Princeton, N.J., and the College of New Jersey's campus for a rematch. Keen to the situation, the College of New Jersey decided it would now set the rules of competition, and did. The outcome also changed. The College of New Jersey — now known as Princeton — won the second game 8-0.

A third game between the two was planned for an unknown location, but professors at both schools protested it, eventually winning its cancellation and bringing an abrupt end to college football's inaugural season. But a maxim of the game, and of athletics in general, was clearly defined: Winning on the road is hard.

South Carolina hopes it can defy that standard over the next four weeks, as it faces three straight "true" road games in Southeastern Conference play starting with Saturday's trip to Mississippi State. It is a stretch that will likely define the Gamecocks' season and decide whether they return to Atlanta to play in their second straight SEC Championship Game as Eastern Division champions.

"I look at it as the hardest part of the season, coming up right now," said linebacker Quin Smith. He's probably right. There's precedence for what the Gamecocks are about to embark on, but not much. Since the SEC expanded to 12 members in 1992, only seven teams have played three consecutive "true" conference road games in a single season. USC will be the eighth.

But there is something USC can take solace in. Three of the seven teams — Florida in 1995, Alabama in 1996 and Georgia in 2005 — went on to win division titles, with UF and UGA winning the SEC Championship. Linebacker Reginald Bowens said he feels the time away from the friendly confines of Williams-Brice Stadium can help the Gamecocks reach the

level of such teams.

"That's part of what makes champions," said Bowens of the road swing. "It's going to be a hard road trip, but the way we react to it is really going to show our season, how good we can be."

This is the third time in coach Steve Spurrier's career that his team has played three or more straight road games, and just the second time each game comes against league opponents. In 1987, Spurrier's first year as head coach at Duke, the Blue Devils lost four consecutive road games in the middle of the season. In 1995, Spurrier's Gators went 3-0 on such a stretch, culminating with UF's infamous 52-17 win at Georgia, which marked the first time a visiting team scored 50-plus points at Sanford Stadium in Athens.

Despite the rarity with which such a road stretch occurs, especially in a conference as competitive as the SEC, Spurrier said he wasn't upset or concerned when USC's schedule came out in the preseason.

"I never worry about the schedule," Spurrier said. "It is what it is. You play them one at a time. Here, there, Charlotte, wherever."

Smith said that at first, the Gamecocks looked at this part of the schedule with some trepidation. But now as they prepare to face MSU to begin the stretch, he said, they "look at it as more of a challenge."

"Just get out there and do it," Smith said. "We've heard it's a pretty hard place to play in."

Davis Wade Stadium, which seats just over 55,000, is the second-smallest stadium in the SEC — only Vanderbilt Stadium is smaller. But it has a reputation as one of the more hostile environments in the league for one reason. Well, one object.

The cowbell.

Noisemakers have been banned from league stadiums per SEC bylaws since the 1970s. The rule has even ended the traditional usage of the famed rooster call inside Williams-Brice during conference games. But the regulation has never done much for the fair people of Starkville. Cowbells have been a staple at MSU sporting events, especially football, since prior to World War II. As a result, Bulldog fans have long smuggled the illegal items into games.

This reality forced the SEC to amend its bylaws in 2010 on a trial run, allowing MSU fans to bring cowbells into the stadium as long as they agreed to only ring them at appropriate

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USC will be back in its garnet and white uniforms (top) as Terrence Campbell (middle) and the rest of the Gamecock offense (above) look to keep rolling on a three-game road swing away from Williams-Brice.

KRATCH: *Jury will be out on Stephen Garcia's legacy indefinitely*



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Stephen Garcia leaves Carolina as arguably the most controversial Gamecock.

Too soon to put career in proper perspective



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Now that Stephen Garcia's career at South Carolina has come to a sad and — hindsight being 20-20 — rather predictable end, many have started wondering what his legacy will be.

That is a good question. But not one that can be answered right now, as it is not the appropriate time to do so.

There is no mistaking the fact Garcia brought this upon himself. For whatever reason, he never got out of his own way. You can say Steve Spurrier was too critical of Garcia publicly or blame USC for giving Garcia chance after chance without much in the way of significant discipline. But in the end, Garcia controlled his actions. And his actions led to his dismissal from the

Gamecock football program.

I'm not a medical professional, so I'm in no position to say whether Garcia has a problem with alcohol or any other substance. I hope he doesn't, just as I would hope for any person, especially a father with a young son. If he does, I hope he gets the help he needs.

What I will say is that hopefully Garcia, no matter what the situation may be, can move on from this. It's good to hear from both his father Gary Garcia's comments to various outlets and the words of Garcia's former teammates that Garcia is taking responsibility for what happened. In fact, I wouldn't expect anything else.

In his dealings with the media, Garcia was truthful about what he was feeling, sometimes to a fault. He didn't sugarcoat things. He told reporters he was "pissed off" when USC lost at Georgia in 2009. He told reporters he didn't care if Clemson was looking ahead to the ACC title game later that season because the Gamecocks won and that was all that

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times. The measure worked, for the most part, and it was extended this spring at the league meetings in Destin, Fla.

Spurrier said he doesn't "think the crowd noise will affect [USC] too much" and that he isn't concerned about the cowbells creating an unfair competitive disadvantage for his team.

"They say it's a tradition there and coach (Dan) Mullen talked to his fans about not ringing them when the other team is at the line of scrimmage," Spurrier said. "So, everybody doesn't worry about it."

Spurrier's players, at least the ones on defense (MSU fans don't ring the bells when their Bulldogs have the ball), say they're somewhat looking forward to the atmosphere.

"I'm going to enjoy the experience," said spur linebacker Antonio Allen. "I know they're going to be ringing them bells."

USC hopes the bells are nothing more than a soundtrack to another victory, and one that would be historic for the Gamecocks. USC has tied a school record with four straight "true" road game wins. A victory in Starkville would set a new program mark, and would serve as Carolina's second on the road in conference play, a boon to the Gamecocks' chances of winning their division. It's rare for a team to make the SEC Championship Game without sustained success on the road.

USC became just the third team in SEC history last fall to win the East with a .500 or worse record in conference road games. The Gamecocks went 2-2 on the road in SEC play last fall, joining Tennessee in 2004 (2-2) and Florida in 1992 (1-2). With a 2-0 start with two more road trips remaining, the Gamecocks would be in position to, at worst, duplicate last fall's SEC road mark.

"It's an SEC run, and we've got to play tough," said

defensive tackle Travian Robertson. "Our main goal is to win these games. We got a tough battle ahead of us, but we're prepared for it."

Playing on the road has been difficult for college football teams since the Ulysses S. Grant Administration, and it isn't about to change anytime soon. USC has an extremely tough task ahead of it over the next four games, starting with Mississippi State. But the Gamecocks believe they can handle it with "focus and poise" according to Allen.

They also, receiver Alshon Jeffery said, want to handle it at its fullest extent. Jeffery said he hopes the Bulldog fans don't ring their bells too much, but he does want them loud. He's looking forward to it, in fact. Why?

Said Jeffery: "Because I like to cease the crowd."

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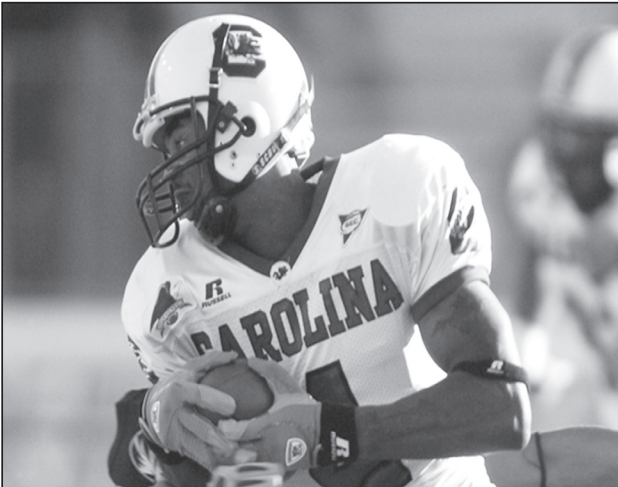


Career Rushing Touchdowns
T1. G. Rogers / H. Green 33
T3. B. Bennett / A. Pinnock 27
T5. Marcus Lattimore 26

Career Receiving Yards
1. Kenny McKinley 2,781
2. Alshon Jeffery 2,707
3. Sterling Sharpe 2,497

Career Receiving Touchdowns
1. Sidney Rice 23
T2. Alshon Jeffery and three others 19
T6. S. Sharpe / Z. Davis 17

Career Receptions
1. Kenny McKinley 207
2. Sterling Sharpe 169
3. Alshon Jeffery 159



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SEC Standings

SEC East

		
South Carolina 3-1 --	Georgia 3-1 --	Florida 2-2 1 GB
		
Vanderbilt 1-2 1.5 GB	Tennessee 0-2 2 GB	Kentucky 0-3 2.5 GB

SEC West

		
LSU 3-0 --	Alabama 3-0 --	Auburn 2-1 1 GB
		
Arkansas 1-1 1.5 GB	Ole Miss 0-2 2.5 GB	Miss State 0-3 3 GB

GAMEDAY 411:

South Carolina at Mississippi State

WHERE: Davis Wade Stadium at Scott Field in Starkville, Miss. (capacity of 55,082)

WHEN: Kickoff is scheduled for 12:21 p.m.

THE LINE: South Carolina by three points

TELEVISION: The game will be televised on the SEC Network (WOLO-TV in Columbia). Dave Neal will handle play-by-play duties. Andre Ware is the color analyst. Cara Capuano is the sideline reporter. A replay will be shown Sunday at 8 p.m. on SportSouth. Andy Demitra will be the play-by-play man and Brad Muller the analyst on the replay.

RADIO: Locally, the game will be broadcast on 107.5 FM. Todd Ellis will handle play-by-play duties. Tommy Suggs is the color analyst. Terry Cousin is the sideline reporter. Additionally, a simulcast of the Gamecock Radio Network broadcast will be simulcast on Sirius XM Satellite Radio. The game will be on Sirius channel 220 and XM channel 199.

WEATHER: The forecast for the Starkville area on Saturday calls for sunny with a zero-percent chance of precipitation. The high temperature is supposed to be 82 degrees with a low of 52.

SERIES: South Carolina leads 7-6

LAST MEETING: South Carolina 38-21 in 2007 at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia

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mattered to him. He told reporters that his fourth suspension "sucked" in the spring. And he told reporters, upon his reinstatement this summer, that things got a "little crazy" at the now infamous life skills seminar.

Garcia is not a bad person. In fact, he's a thoughtful, funny, intelligent kid. His teammates loved him. His coaches were immensely frustrated with him at times, sure, but I think they had a great deal of affection for him as well. Garcia was a gamer and consummate teammate on the field. It was just off the field that he couldn't meet with the success necessary to be a USC student-athlete. I believe Garcia wanted to do the right things, but he just kept getting himself into poor situations.

Again, Garcia's fault, and his alone. But all the bad isn't necessarily his legacy. Forget football for a moment. Garcia is 23 years old. His life is ahead of him. He undoubtedly has things to work on. But these turbulent days here at USC don't

have to define him. What he does from this day going forward will.

When Garcia was benched prior to the Kentucky game, I said it wasn't the last chapter of his career at USC. But I don't think this dismissal will be the last chapter either. For all his faults, Garcia beat Clemson twice. He led the upset of the No. 1 team in the nation. He brought the Gamecocks to the SEC Championship Game. He was an integral part of some of the football program's greatest achievements. That will always be fact, and that will always combine with his various indiscretions to form a complete story.

Time heals all wounds. If Stephen Garcia can turn this negative into a positive in his life, someday he will return to Williams-Brice Stadium. And those in attendance will cheer, remembering what he accomplished on the field rather than what he ran into off it.

Until then, or until that is proven impossible, the jury will remain out on Garcia's legacy.



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Spur linebacker Antonio Allen (26) and the South Carolina defense is coming off another stellar outing and will likely have to deal with multiple MSU quarterbacks.

DEFENSE Bulldogs have QB controversy

Gamecocks unsure who Mullen will start under center after rough outing against UAB

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Quarterback controversy is nothing new to South Carolina. Only this week, USC's opponent is the one undecided on its signal caller.

In Mississippi State's 21-3 win over UAB last week, starter Chris Relf completed six passes for just 46 yards before being pulled in favor of backup Tyler Russell, who went 11-for-13 with three touchdown passes to lead his team to victory.

MSU coach Dan Mullen has chosen not to divulge who the starter will be this week, even throwing in third-string quarterback Dylan Favre, nephew of NFL legend Brett Favre, as a possibility to see playing time.

Despite uncertainty about which quarterback it will have to contain, the Gamecock defense will look to duplicate its stellar performance against Kentucky when it takes on the Bulldogs.

"They're just like Auburn," linebacker Quin Smith said. "They run hard, they're a great team and we're just going to have to prepare the right way this week. We don't know who's going to play, which quarterback, but we're preparing for both."

USC held the Wildcats to just 17 passing yards last week, recording three sacks and four interceptions. The defense has forced 17 turnovers in the past three games.

Antonio Allen, who is currently tied for the team lead in interceptions with three and leads all Gamecocks with 50 tackles, said the defense will be ready for any type of offense that the Bulldogs try to run.

"It always starts with preparing at practice and just trying to run into the ball. I know they're going to try to run the ball and pass the ball," Allen said. "They'll try to do whatever to get the edge, and we just have to be prepared."

Defensive lineman Melvin Ingram said the Gamecocks' aggression is the main factor in their ability to force turnovers.

"We just try to work hard. We have a model of being relentless getting around the ball," Ingram said. "Just every play, trying to get to the quarterback no matter what — if it's a run play or a pass play, we're just trying to be around the ball on every play."

The Bulldogs' two main quarterbacks have distinctive styles of play, with Relf more prone to running the ball. The defensive line, which limited Kentucky to 79 rushing yards, will look to nip Mississippi State's offense in the bud.

"Our main thing is stopping them from scoring," defensive tackle Travian Robertson said. "The offense is going to run the ball. They'll get plays here and there. Our thing is to try to bounce back from them. Obviously we try to stop all their plays, but if they get it, we just move on to the next play."

Mississippi State's biggest threat at running back, Vick Ballard, has averaged 89 yards per game this season, but Smith said the Gamecocks are not intimidated by the prospect of stopping him.

"It's the SEC. Everyone's got tough players," Smith

said of Ballard. "Obviously he's a good running back — he's here. We'll prepare for him just like any other running back."

An important factor in USC's preparation is the number of players who have seen extensive reps in the past few weeks. Victor Hampton, Kelcy Quarles and Aldrick Fordham are among players who have seen an increase in their playing time, helping keep the unit as a whole rested and ready to compete.

"Coach put them in, and he trusts them playing on the field," Robertson said. "They practice well, and having a real rotation is healthy for the team. We get reps in practice, and we get them in the game. It keeps everybody fresh."

The closest thing to a quarterback controversy that the Gamecocks had to face last year came against Tennessee, when Matt Simms was pulled for then-true freshman Tyler Bray midway through USC's 38-24 win. Bray threw an interception in his first drive, finishing the day nine-of-15 passing with two touchdowns. He was sacked three times.

The USC defense will look for similar success against Mississippi State this week. Despite the uncertainty in the Bulldogs' offense, the Gamecocks are prepared to contain their scoring to put themselves in position for a win.

"It's going to be a tough week to prepare because they have two quarterbacks, and they both do a lot of different stuff," Robertson said. "We just have to go out this week, prepare well and stay focused."

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OFFENSE It's officially Shaw's team now

Receivers spending extra time with quarterback

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Most of the Gamecocks have headed to the locker room after practice, but quarterback Connor Shaw is still out on the Bluff Road practice fields, perfecting routes with receivers Alshon Jeffery and Bruce Ellington.

It's something Ellington, Jeffery and Shaw have worked on since Shaw was named the starter for the Kentucky game. Their work together has helped make the transition smoother for the young quarterback and helped Shaw gain confidence in his throws. It's also another step toward repeating last week's offensive fireworks, this time on the road against Mississippi State.

"We just stay after practice every day and work with Connor," Jeffery said. "We're just working whatever routes and whatever we're game-planning. Connor is pretty confident, but I just teach him and tell him where I'm going to be at on certain throws."

Against Kentucky, Shaw tallied 311 yards and four touchdowns. Two went to Jeffery, who had his best outing this season. However, MSU's defense is ranked No. 26 in the country, while Kentucky's was ranked No. 60 before playing the Gamecocks.

The Gamecocks recognize they don't have all of the questions on offense answered after scoring 54 points on Kentucky. Along with working with Shaw, Jeffery has been working with Ellington in his development as a receiver.

"He's coming along pretty fast," Jeffery said. "He hasn't played football

probably in two or three years or something like that. I'm just trying to teach him how to get more wide open and just use his hands more and be more physical out there."

For Ellington, it's more than just understanding the position better, but knowing his teammates have faith in him.

"He teaches me because he knows the game," said Ellington of Jeffery. "He teaches me how guys are going to play and how to get open so just knowing that he's a great receiver and just knowing the confidence that he has in me when we're out there running routes and all that, it's getting me better."

Ellington and tailback Marcus Lattimore have been taking more snaps in practice out of the wildcat formation, which South Carolina utilized effectively against Kentucky. Against Vanderbilt and Auburn, the running game struggled, leading the team to opt with more wildcat snaps in an attempt to get the ground game on track. Ellington's first touchdown came on a 61-yard wildcat run.

"[Ellington] was going to run several like that, although I don't think he went very far on any of them," said coach Steve Spurrier. "Bruce got loose around the end. Some of those guys took a bad angle at him. We need to block better. We need to get Marcus some better holes in there. That wildcat stuff, everyone's doing it. It gives you one less guy to block, theoretically."

After struggling against Vandy and Auburn, the offensive line was able to give Shaw adequate protection, as well as create more holes for the running game. Nevertheless, Shaw was sacked

three times and was forced out of the pocket on several occasions. With offensive lineman Kyle Nunn still out with a back injury, defensive tackle Byron Jerideau has been moved to the offensive line to help sure up depth.

"We're starting to get a surge," said tackle Cody Gibson. "We're just trying to come together and get into a groove. Once you get into a groove, everything happens like clockwork. You've got to have some momentum."

Momentum is the one thing the offense has on its side after its best

offensive outing all season. The win not only brought USC one step closer to its goal of returning to the SEC Championship Game, but it breathed life into what had been a catatonic offense.

"It felt pretty good," Jeffery said. "It shows what we're capable of and what we've got to build on for the rest of the season to come."

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South Carolina slotback Bruce Ellington (23) had an increased role in the offense against Kentucky and shined, breaking off a long touchdown run.

AROUND THE SEC

Vols to host top-ranked LSU at Neyland Stadium

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No. 1 LSU at Tennessee (Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on CBS)

The last matchup between the Tigers and the Volunteers ended in pandemonium, with LSU narrowly eking out a win at home after an apparent UT victory was erased by a 13-men-on-the-field penalty. Playing in Knoxville this time, LSU coach Les Miles said his team will need to be wary of the struggling Vols, even with UT quarterback Tyler Bray out with a broken thumb.

“This is going to be a physical game. It is every time we play,” Miles said. “I know that their quarterback Tyler Bray is not expected to be there for our game, but I can tell you that Matt Simms played well against us the year before in our stadium. We understand that they are very capable no matter who they play at quarterback.”

UT coach Derek Dooley also expressed confidence in Simms, who started the first eight games of 2010 before losing the job to Bray.

“Matt has been great, and I’m proud of Matt to this point,” Dooley said. “I told Matt we were going to need him this year. Most of the time you need your No. 2. I was hoping we wouldn’t, but we need him and that’s why he’s here. He brings a lot of leadership ability. He has been in the fire before. He has a real good command of the offense and he has prepared every week like he is a starter. This is his time, and we will see how he does.”

No. 2 Alabama at Ole Miss (Saturday at 6 p.m. on ESPN2)

This weekend’s matchup in Oxford, Miss., presents two teams performing on opposite ends of the spectrum. Sitting on one end is Alabama, which, to this point, has shown little-to-no weaknesses on either side of the ball. Tailback Trent Richardson is fifth in the nation with 729 rushing yards and third with 11 touchdowns, while the defense enters the week allowing a measly 191.4 yards per game.

Despite the early success, however,

Alabama coach Nick Saban said his team has much it can build on from last week’s slow start against Vanderbilt.

“We didn’t play very well in the first half,” Saban said. “I think this is probably a pretty good example of how average you can be when you don’t do things the way you need to do them — finish plays, finish blocks, make mental errors, don’t tackle well. Most of that stuff comes from the mental intensity that you have going into the game, but I was really pleased with the way the team responded at halftime.”

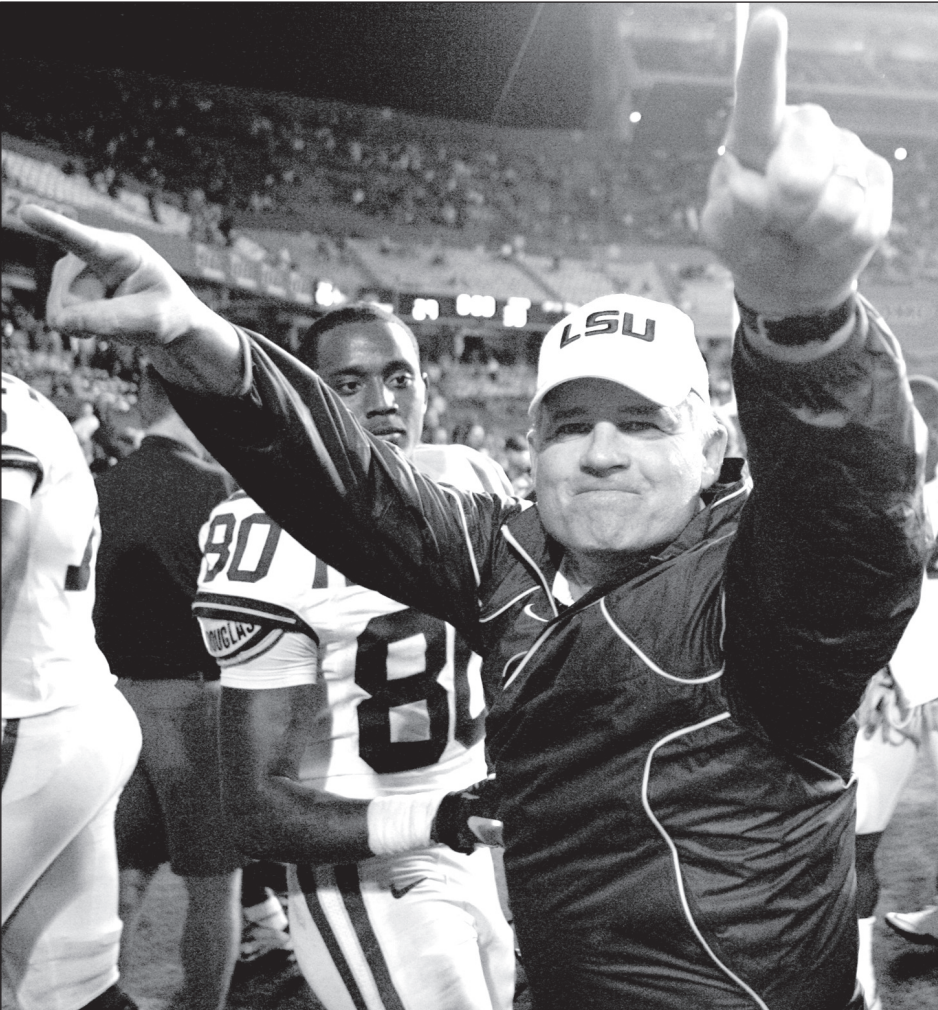
Sitting on the other end of the spectrum is Ole Miss, which enters the weekend barely clinging to any hope it had of contending in the SEC West. The Rebels lost their first two conference games to Vanderbilt and Georgia, respectively, but bounced back to beat Fresno State in a nonconference matchup. Slated to face the daunting Crimson Tide, Ole Miss coach Houston Nutt hopes his team with maintain the rhythm it had in last week’s win.

“I thought last week we got better as a football team. From Fresno State on, we got better,” Nutt said. “Everyone has a responsibility to get better. Whether you are playing against the Green Bay Packers or Alabama, there is not much difference. You have to play extremely hard and eliminate mistakes. That is what we have been putting our emphasis on.”

Florida at No. 24 Auburn (Saturday at 7 p.m. on ESPN)

The Gators’ brutal conference stretch continues in this weekend’s road trip to the Plains. Coming off back-to-back thrashings at the hands of Alabama and LSU, UF coach Will Muschamp said his team is focused on making improvements this week against defending national champion Auburn.

“There are times that we run the ball extremely well, but the consistency we run the ball with has been disappointing,” Muschamp said. “We haven’t done it all the time very well. I think the disappointing thing on defense is tackling and playing blocks consistently up front, although, we have made tremendous strides from where we were.”



Gary W. Green / ORLANDO SENTINEL

LSU and coach Les Miles are 6-0 and ranked No. 1 overall in the Associated Press poll after a dominant start on defense and an unexpectedly effective offense.

The Tigers took a step backward with last weekend’s loss at Arkansas. With little room for error in their quest to repeat as SEC West champions, coach Gene Chizik said quarterback Barrett Trotter and AU’s passing game will need to bounce back from their poor showing against the Razorbacks.

“I fully expect Barrett to play well, but let me be clear on this. The receivers have to catch the ball. The offensive line and running backs have to protect. It’s a team game,” Chizik said. “For us to be productive offensively, it has to be a complete team effort. At times on Saturday, we just weren’t good as a complete offense. Let’s just tell it like it is. We dropped balls; our protection wasn’t great. We have to put it all together to beat this really good Florida team, and it’s going to be a tough task.”

Georgia at Vanderbilt (Saturday at 7 p.m. on Fox Sports Net)

Talk of a disappointing season for the Bulldogs has become a thing of the past. After starting 0-2, Georgia finds itself in the thick of race for the SEC East crown and has a relatively light load remaining on its schedule.

Nevertheless, coach Mark Richt said his team can’t afford to take the upstart Commodores lightly.

“They have not lost at home this year,” Richt said. “I know they are going to be working hard towards defending their turf. I can’t tell you how many times we’ve been at halftime [at Vanderbilt] wondering what’s going on. They are an outstanding team and a team we have a lot of respect for.”

Vandy appears to be on pace to become bowl eligible for the first time since 2008, and coach James Franklin

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AROUND THE NATION

Texas looks to bounce back from Red River debacle against Pokes

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No. 6 Oklahoma State at No. 22 Texas (Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on ABC)

The Longhorns seemed to be on pace to reclaiming their position among the elite programs in the nation after a 4-0 start. Then they met Oklahoma.

Coming off a 55-17 drubbing in the annual Red River Shootout, Texas will look to get back on track at home against offensive juggernaut Oklahoma State.

“The Texas–OU game is one of the great rivalries in college football, and the disappointing thing for us on Saturday is we didn’t hold up our end of the bargain. We ran into a buzz saw,” said UT coach Mack Brown. “They played great, and we didn’t play very well. We’ve got to clean up our mistakes, not forget it but move forward and try to learn from all the things we did, good and bad.”

The Cowboys enter the matchup averaging 431.2

passing yards per game, led by First Team All-Big 12 quarterback Brandon Weeden and All-American receiver Justin Blackmon. The Longhorns allowed 367 yards through the air against Oklahoma, but OSU coach Mike Gundy said he expects a challenge when his team travels to Austin this weekend.

“They are better than they were [against OU] in our opinion,” Gundy said. “You use caution when talking about Texas football and needing to get better. I think Oklahoma played very well. Once the game got rolling, the momentum changed. I cannot speak for Texas or their staff. I do know that there is some youth in key positions. That can factor in situations when things do not go well.”

No. 18 Arizona State at No. 9 Oregon (Saturday at 10:15 p.m. on ESPN)

The Ducks have bounced back nicely since losing their season opener to LSU, scoring 40 or more points in each of the four matchups that followed. It’ll attempt to stay hot against upstart Arizona State, but last year’s national title runner-up may be without All-American tailback LaMichael James, who injured his right elbow in last week’s win over California.

Although James’ injury could alter Oregon’s

approach Saturday, ASU coach Dennis Erickson expects the Ducks’ offense to be as quick as ever.

“We have to learn how to go at warp speed,” Erickson said. “They are what they are. They do it week in and week out, year in and year out since [coach Chip Kelly] has been there. I don’t know if I’ve ever seen a team as fast offensively. It’s unbelievable watching. You stop and stop and then, all of a sudden, they go 70 yards.”

To counteract Oregon’s attack, Erickson hopes his Sun Devils maintain the confidence they’ve shown through the first part of the season.

“You don’t win games without being confident,” Erickson said. “There’s a fine line between being confident and overconfident. We’re a confident football team. They have a strong belief in each other and a strong belief that their teammate is going to do the job he’s supposed to do and give the effort he’s supposed to.”

No. 11 Michigan at No. 23 Michigan State (Saturday at noon on ESPN)

Year 1 of the Brady Hoke era continued to shine in last week’s road win over Northwestern, but Week 7 of the Wolverines’ season matches them with their first ranked opponent of 2011. Traveling to take on the Spartans, Hoke said his team will need to be prepared for the attention that comes with the annual rivalry game.

“Obviously the guys know what the history has been. The rivalry is a tremendous rivalry because of the passion for both schools that people have,” Hoke said. “The alums, people within the state — you kind of draw the line that you’re a Spartan fan or you’re a Wolverine fan, and that’s what makes college football and that’s what makes it so exciting.”

Michigan State enters the week fresh off a 10-7 win at Ohio State in which it allowed the Buckeyes to gain just 178 yards. Slated to play dual-threat quarterback Denard Robinson, MSU coach Mark Dantonio said his defense will face a challenging task.

“He was extremely productive last year,” Dantonio said. “I think if anything he’s probably better because of time spent. They’re incorporating a lot of the same things probably in their own way, but they’re still giving him options to run. They’re still giving him options to pass. You see some of the same schematics playwise. You see different ones as well, but they’re still giving him the ball equally as much.”

No. 8 Clemson at Maryland (Saturday at 7 p.m. on ESPNU)

It’s been a dream season so far for the Tigers,

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Brandon Weeden and the Oklahoma State offense has rolled over all challengers en route to a No. 6 rank.

BEHIND ENEMY LINES:

Five Questions with The Reflector

The Gamecock sits down with MSU student paper

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1. How disappointing has this season been to date for Mississippi State fans?

Expectations were incredibly high going into the season in Starkville, and up to this point it has been a pretty big disappointment for Mississippi State fans. The expectations were not unwarranted after State went 9-4 in 2010 and crushed Michigan in the Gator Bowl, but a lot of people (myself included) underestimated how much losing an All-American left tackle and senior center would hurt MSU. When you throw in losing right guard Tobias Smith for the year in the third game of the season and nomadic lineman James Carmon missing time with a knee injury, it's been difficult for MSU's offense to get anything going. State's 0-3 SEC record has put the Dan Mullen honeymoon on hold. In the eyes of most MSU fans, Mullen did little wrong in his first two years on the



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job, but the slow start in 2011 has brought out the critics. The MSU athletic department has created a lot of momentum and belief for fans (something that was documented in The New York Times last month) around a program that has traditionally not had much to cheer about. The belief going into the season was that MSU would maintain or exceed its level of play in 2010, but after six games the feeling that the team has regressed can't be avoided, and the atmosphere at the last home game against Louisiana Tech reflected that.

2. Is Chris Relf undoubtedly the starter at quarterback?

No. Not at all. Chris Relf was benched at halftime of MSU's win over UAB on Saturday and replaced by backup Tyler Russell, who sparked the offense to a 21-3 victory. Mullen has been cryptic in his answers to who will start at quarterback all week, so nobody knows for sure who the starter will be, but it appears Russell has the edge. I wouldn't be surprised to see both quarterbacks play on Saturday, however.

3. Going back to Relf — are deep balls, as he suggested, what is needed for the offense to get going?

Yes and no. The deep ball is not this team's offensive identity, but MSU could use having at least the threat of the deep ball to open its running game, which has

been surprisingly quiet in 2011. Russell completed a few deep passes against a winless UAB team, but I don't see it working against South Carolina's talented defense. Scoring points will be a challenge for State on Saturday, and I don't see throwing more deep balls as a solution.

4. What should USC fans look for out of the MSU defense?

Cornerback Johnthan Banks. The junior defensive back from the small town of Maben, Miss. made headlines as a freshman when he returned two Tim Tebow interceptions for touchdowns, and he has done nothing but pick off passes since. With another interception last week, Banks now has 11 for his career and four for the season. I would also look out for sophomore safety Nickoe Whitley, who has a knack for making the occasional freakishly athletic play and big hit. MSU has a secondary capable of making the type of big play that turns a game around, something Connor Shaw needs to be careful of giving up for USC.

5. Prediction time — who you got?

This is a game between two teams who aren't exactly predictable, especially with the quarterback issues present in both Columbia and Starkville. I have to give the edge to the Old Ball Coach in the battle of coaches who favor visors as headgear. Gamecocks win 31-10.



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The honeymoon has ended a bit for Mississippi State coach Dan Mullen. A year after going 9-4, the Bulldogs have struggled with expectations, starting 0-3 in SEC play.

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said his team will look to win the turnover battle to improve those hopes this week. “We’re ranked No. 2 in the SEC, [Georgia is] ranked No. 6, so that should be interesting to see how that plays out,” Franklin said. “This past week, us not getting turnovers was a little bit of a difference in the game. We’re not used to that. We’ve been spoiled by [defensive coordinator Bob Shoop] and our defense, how they’ve been able to create turnovers the first couple of weeks. We want to get back to that because that’s just how we want to play.”

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who enter the weekend with three straight wins over ranked opponents. They’ll look to keep their dream alive against lowly Maryland, a program that’s proven to be an Achilles’ heel to the Tigers in recent years. “If we want to stay in the driver’s seat in our division, we have to win this week,” said Clemson coach Dabo Swinney. “Maryland is a very capable team. They lost to No. 12 Georgia Tech at Georgia Tech, 21-16, and they lost to No. 13 West Virginia, 37-31. They’ve had some guys out and they lost to Temple, a good team, but they’re very capable. We’re going to have to play very well.” The Terrapins have knocked off the Tigers in

three of their previous five matchups and find themselves in desperate need of a win if they want to remain in contention for the Atlantic division title. With little room for error, Maryland coach Randy Edsall said his team will need to be prepared. “This is huge,” Edsall said. “We are 1-1, and both Clemson and Wake Forest are undefeated in the conference right now on our side. This is a situation where we can’t afford to get two games down. We have a lot of work to do to get a win this weekend.”

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THIS WEEK'S GAMES

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Last Week: 9-1
Season: 44-16

Michigan at Michigan State
Baylor at Texas A&M
LSU at Tennessee
Oklahoma State at Texas
Alabama at Ole Miss
Virginia Tech at Wake Forest
Clemson at Maryland
Florida at Auburn
Arizona State at Oregon
South Carolina at Mississippi State

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Last Week: 9-1
Season: 43-17

Michigan State
Texas A&M
LSU
Oklahoma State
Alabama
Virginia Tech
Clemson
Auburn
Oregon
USC 31, MSU 14

Isabelle Khurshudyan
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Last Week: 10-0
Season: 41-19

Michigan
Texas A&M
LSU
Oklahoma State
Alabama
Wake Forest
Clemson
Auburn
Oregon
USC 24, MSU 21

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Last Week: 10-0
Season: 40-20

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